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RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(A)

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Dear Mr. Wood:

In response to the decision dated September 7, 2004 dismissing the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(a), applicants enclose herewith a new declaration signed by inventor David C. Eby. As the decision stated that the petition was acceptable but for such a declaration, and such declaration is enclosed with this petition, applicants respectfully submit that the petition is in condition for grant and respectfully solicits same. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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